

The Rainbow Hub (registered number 1182225)

Report of the Trustees

For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are:

1. To promote for the public benefit equality and diversity and the elimination of discrimination in relation to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTBQ+) persons by:
2. Raising awareness of issues affecting said persons
3. Operating as a volunteer led drop-in centre for:
 - The provision of information, about and signposting to LGBTBQ+ specific services.
 - The provision of information about general services to LGBTBQ+ people
4. Hate Crime reporting desk for Brighton and Hove

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm that they have given due consideration to the Charity Commission published guidance on the public benefit requirement under the Charities act 2011.

During the period of review the charity has tried to continue to recruit unpaid volunteers to be trained to deliver the services outlined within the context of Brighton and Hove, and the surrounding areas, as well as preparing the office space in a way that preserves individual confidentiality along with both volunteer and service user safety. Sadly there is definitely a shortage of volunteers these days which if continues could lead to the closure of the Charity in the coming year.

Initial funding came from The Rainbow Fund (registered number 1181116) when it was originally set up the last couple of years we have had additional funding from grants by Brighton and Hove City Council.

Achievements and Performance

The Charity recruited and trained and retained some Fifteen 8 unpaid volunteers to help deliver the charities services on a rotational shift basis. On average volunteers worked, in pairs, for three hours per week each covering opening times at the hub. Training included the following aspects over the period:

dealing with clients in a supportive and confidential manner

dealing with difficult situations and/or clients who may present with a variety of issues including substance abuse

general training on matters relating to social disadvantage such as homelessness, (food) poverty and

health promotion, and issues specifically affecting the LGBTQ+ community such as trans gender awareness

structured discussions with other local service providers, and charities, about the issues facing potential service users

health and safety training within a public facing environment

The Rainbow Hub volunteers established a programme to meet service providers and understand the services offered and performed by local charities to enable them to better signpost as and when appropriate. In addition, volunteers 'buddied up' with representatives of the service providers in order to better develop working relationships.

The office space is now in The Ledward Centre which is an LGBTQ+ local hub in Brighton offering a range of support services

Social media and press advertising have been used to bring local awareness.

Financial Review

Results

The charity achieved a surplus of £18,555 on its unrestricted activities during this initial period of operation.

Reserves Policy

The aim of the Charity is to have a minimum of 10% of estimated running costs to be held at the end of each financial year to cover unforeseen operational expenses.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governance

The organisation received charitable status on the 26th February 2019 (Charity number 1182225) and

is controlled by its governing documents.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Trustees have control of the charity and its property and funds.

New Trustees are elected by the Trustees. The Trustees when complete consist of at least 3 and not more than 7 persons over the age of 18, all of whom must support the Objects of the charity.

Each Trustee must retire after three years in office. A retiring Trustee who is eligible may be reappointed.

The Trustees may at any time co-opt any individual who is eligible under Article 3.3 as a Trustee to fill a vacancy in their number or (subject to the maximum number permitted by Article 3.3.) as an

additional Trustee, but the co-opted Trustee holds office for only one year.

Trustee proceedings

Trustees must hold at least 3 meetings each year.

A quorum at a meeting of Trustees is 3 Trustees and any issue may be determined by a simple majority of the votes cast at a meeting but a resolution in writing agreed by all Trustees is as valid as a resolution passed at a meeting.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1182225

Registered office

The Ledward Centre

14A Jubilee Street

Brughton

BN1 1GE

Trustees

Catherine Joanne Cliff (appointed 20 October 2020)

Anthony Roy Bates (appointed 24 March 2021)

Andrew Richard Boardman (appointed 21 Dec 2021)

Bankers

Metro Bank

Declarations

The organisation has taken advantage of the small companies (CIO) exemption in preparing the above report.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above.

Signed on behalf of the charities trustees

A Boardman

Andrew Boardman

Trustee



Receipts and payments account

For the period from	Period start date 1st April 2023	To
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
The PCC Sussex	5,000	-	-
Care Inbound	450	-	-
Brighton & Hove Council	14,800	-	-
Possibility People	282	-	-
NHS	1,550	-	-
Insurance refund	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	22,082	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,082	-	-
A3 Payments			
Rent	3,500	-	-
Deputy	136	-	-
Invoices from self employed	14,572	-	-
Misc Payments	2,294	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-
Website	-	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	20,502	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	20,502	-	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,580	-	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,976	-	-
Cash funds this year end	18,556	-	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account Balance	18,556
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Total cash

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

-
18,556

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Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

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Fund to which asset belongs

B3 Investment assets

Details

Fund to which asset belongs

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details

B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name
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Period end date	
31st March 2024	

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Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £

5,000	3,917
450	-
14,800	14,800
282	3,478
1,550	-
-	183
-	-
-	-
22,082	22,378

-	
-	-
-	-

22,082	22,378
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3,500	-
136	368
14,572	8,904
2,294	736
-	31
-	78
-	790
-	-
-	-
20,502	10,907

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-	-

20,502	10,907
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1,580	11,471
-	-
16,976	5,505
18,556	16,976

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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
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-	-

-	-
-	-
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Restricted funds

Endowment funds

to nearest £

to nearest £

-	-
-	-
-	-
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Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

-	-
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Cost (optional)

Current value (optional)

-	-
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Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

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Date of approval
